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LOUISVILLE "CRACK" COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS

– Louisville drug dealer sentenced for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine

LOUISVILLE, KY - Lequinte Dewayne Brewer, age 28 years old, of 4235 Tuscarora Way, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, United States District Judge, also sentenced Brewer to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

These charges stem from a routine traffic stop by Louisville Metro Police Department on September 18, 2007 of a vehicle driven by Brewer. During initial contact, the officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed a corner cut plastic baggie with apparent cocaine residue on the floor board. Based upon consent and search incident to arrest, Louisville Metro Police searched the vehicle and discovered in the trunk a loaded Smith and Wesson, model 10-5, .38 caliber handgun, digital scale, 3.233 g of marijuana, and 9.524 g of crack cocaine.

Brewer was sentenced pursuant to an open plea of guilty, in which he admitted that on September 18, 2007 he was in possession of 9.524 grams of crack cocaine, with an estimated

street value of \$9,524.00, and that it was his intent to sell it on the streets of Louisville. As part of his sentence, Brewer will forfeit items he had in his possession at the time of his arrest by Louisville Metro Police, which includes a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber handgun, digital scales, and \$1,261.00.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mac Shannon, and it was investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department and the ATF.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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